

FISCAL NOTE

HB 642 - SB 1396

March 4, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Makes the following changes to the charter of the City of Martin which must be approved by two-thirds vote of the legislative body of the City of Martin:

- Outlines the duties of the City Recorder;
- Provides for the appointment and subsequent election of a municipal judge vested with concurrent jurisdiction and authority with the court of general sessions in all cases of violation of criminal law within the limits of the municipality;
- Provides for the appointment and subsequent election of a municipal court clerk

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$32,100 Recurring

\$3,500 One-Time

\$25,000/Indigent Defense Fund

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000/Permissive

Other Fiscal Impact - There will be a shift in local government revenues from court costs, fines, and taxes from the county government to the city government.

Estimate assumes the creation of the additional court with general session jurisdiction will require the services of one half-time assistant district attorney general position for the 27th Judicial District to staff this court. Also there will be additional state expenditures from the Indigent Defense Fund to pay appointed legal representation for indigent defendants when the district public defender cannot represent the cases in the additional court. There will be an increase in local government expenditures to pay the salaries, benefits and other operation costs for the judge and court clerk.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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